

REMARKS

Supplemental to the Amendment and Reply filed on September 25, 2006, and in further response to the Non-Final Office Action dated August 24, 2006, applicant has amended claims 1-10 and 12 for reasons unrelated to patentability.

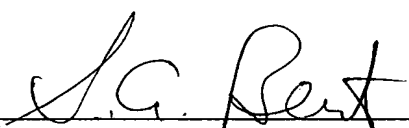
Applicant's amendments do not affect the arguments set forth in the Amendment and Reply filed on September 25, 2006. Applicant maintains that the language of applicant's independent claims, product as well as method, distinguish the presently claimed invention over U.S. Patent No. 6,322,437 ("Grabau et al."). Accordingly, withdrawal of the restriction and examination of all pending claims are warranted.

Examiner Price is invited to contact the undersigned directly, should he feel that further consideration of any issue would advance the prosecution. Otherwise, an early and favorable disposition of the present case is requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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